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2017 marked a busy year for the Center of Social Development Studies at the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University. With over 25 publications, 15 events and the launch of a Center of Excellence in Resource Politics for Social Development at the beginning of 2018, the Center is working harder than ever to bridge academic research with policy change, practical action and innovation.

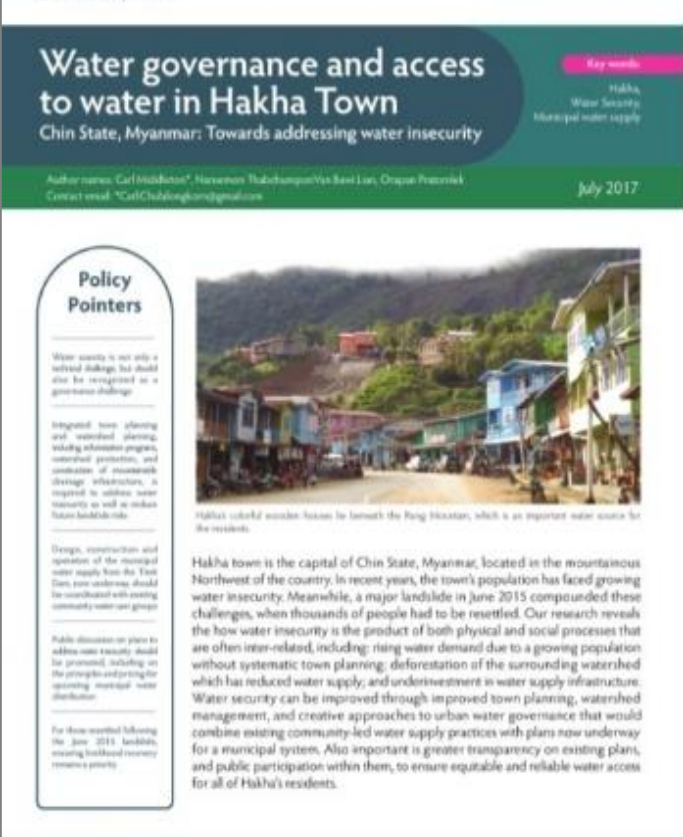
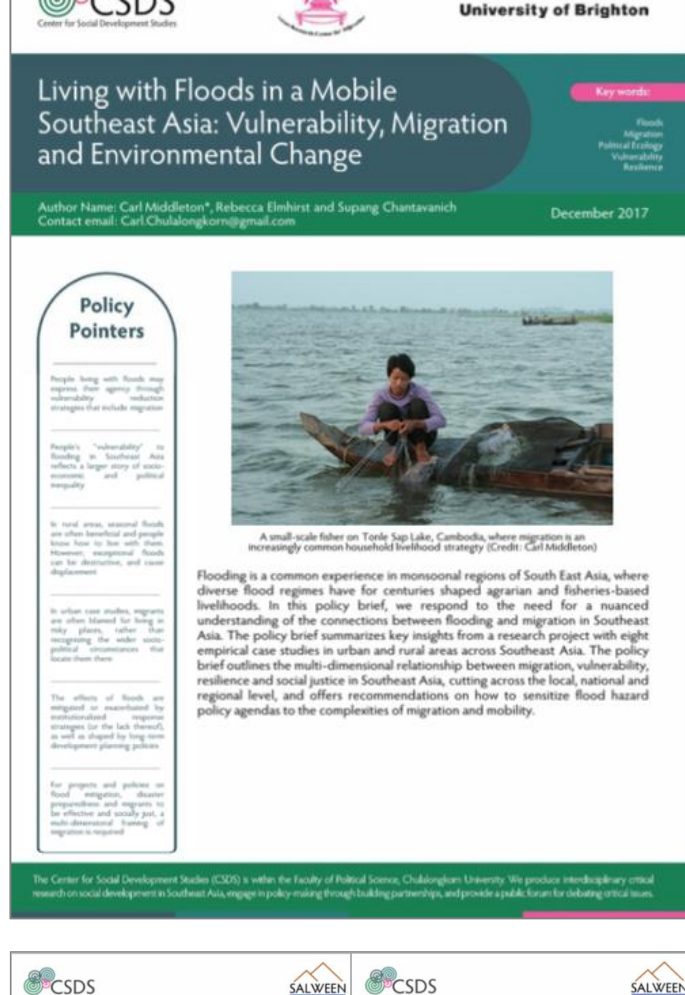


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1. [Living with Floods in a Mobile Southeast Asia: Vulnerability, Migration & Environmental Change](#)  
This edited book explores the relationship between migration, vulnerability, resilience and social justice associated with flooding across diverse environmental, social and policy contexts in Southeast Asia.
2. [Politics of knowledge, collective action and community empowerment in Health Impact Assessment in Thailand: The case of Khao Hinsorn](#)  
This book chapter illustrates how the Khao Hinsorn community in Thailand undertook a Community Health Impact Assessment as a means to challenge an expert-led study that backs a proposed coal-fired power station near to their community.
3. ["Water and Rivers" in the Handbook of the Environment in Southeast Asia](#)  
This book chapter documents trends in the use of water resources in Southeast Asia. It argues that whilst state agencies with water-related mandates remain important, the interests of the private sector are of growing influence, especially for large hydropower dams.
4. [Mekong, Salween and Red Rivers: Sharing Knowledge and Perspectives Across Borders](#)  
This conference proceedings contains 39 papers on water resource related themes, including: local livelihoods and wellbeing; agricultural production and food security; and local, national and the regional economies across the Mekong region.
5. [Water Governance and Access to Water in Hakha Town, Chin State, Myanmar](#)  
This report presents research analyzing the underlying factors and dynamics that have produced water insecurity in Hakha town, and makes recommendations to improve access to water equitably.

## Policy Briefs

This year CSDS launched a variety of policy briefs to help bring visibility to the issues raised by our researchers to a wide array of policy-makers, advocates and civil society organizations, helping turn research into practice and policy change. This includes a special series of 10 policy briefs produced by the Salween fellowship program (*bottom right*).



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- ["Rethinking the Nature/ Culture Divide" by Philippe Descola](#)
- ["Water and the Neighborhood:" Media Workshop & Field Visit with the Third Pole](#)
- [2017 Greater Mekong WLE Forum: 'Water Policies for a Sustainable and Inclusive Future: Research Insights from the Salween, Mekong, Red River Fellowship Program'](#)
- [KNOTS Project Launch](#) & [Field Research in Vietnam](#)
- [WriteShop for International Publication for Salween, Mekong and Red Fellows](#)
- ['Salween Stories' Website Launch](#)
- [Innovation for Inclusive Development presentation at 2017 Chulalongkorn University Expo](#)



CSDS is proud to announce it has officially launched the *Center of Excellence in Resource Politics for Social Development*, which aims to strengthen the capacity of the next generation of researchers and/or public intellectuals, provide forums that enable deliberative processes and promote the co-production of knowledge to create impact through transdisciplinary research.



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[www.SalweenStories.org](http://www.SalweenStories.org)

Home to over ten million people, the Salween (Thanlwin/Nu Jiang) River Basin is an important region of biodiversity linking together China, Myanmar and Thailand, and provides living space and livelihoods for a great diversity of people. This special project highlights places, people, and myths of interest along the river, using storytelling and multimedia to transport visitors to the river-side and into the individuals' lives and communities who live there.



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